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RE: Comments on Final Phase I RFI/RI Work Plan - Operable Unit 9

Dear Mr. Simonson:

I have reviewed this document and have only a few comments:

The vast majority of this material is too technical for us to understand and comment on effectively, especially in the area of toxicology. We agree that the contamination sites identified in OU9 are poor wildlife habitat and don't feel that disturbance during testing or clean-up in these areas will have a negative affect on wildlife.

The only concern with regard to wildlife in OU9 would appear to be possible effects of contaminant runoff into adjacent drainages and the possibility that infiltrated contaminants could resurface down-gradient and affect wildlife. To the extent that either of these events may occur from OU9 sites, we feel that those impacts should be studied.

Finally, in the wetland discussion on page 9-13 the statement is made that "several wetlands at RFP are protected under state and Federal laws". I am not aware of any laws of the State of Colorado which specifically protect wetlands. Would you please let me know what state laws are being referred to here?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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